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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

### **PRIVATE SOURCE CODE COMMENTING**

5       A method, computer program product, and data  
processing system for exchanging information regarding  
software source code among a team of developers is  
disclosed. In a preferred embodiment of the present  
invention, a developer associates commentary with a  
10 particular code feature, such as a function or object  
class. A list of intended recipients or readers of the  
commentary is obtained from the developer. Additional  
settings regarding such things as an expiration date for  
the commentary are also obtained from the developer. The  
15 source code with associated commentary is then made  
available to the intended readers. If desired, the  
source code with associated commentary may be transmitted  
the intended recipients via e-mail or an "instant  
message" or other form of notification can be transmitted  
20 to the intended recipients to notify them of the  
commentary to be read.